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TOPIC	Tank units of the Dresden Mechanized Division in Spremberg		
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1. Tank units quartered in the former Panzer Kaserne on Yekskower Strasse in Spremberg included one heavy tank regiment, one medium tank regiment, and one tank instruction battalion. These three units were subordinate to Division Dresden. Officers of the units wore black-bordered blue collar patches, while EN wore blue epaulettes with pipings of unidentified color. 25X1
2. The heavy tank regiment was commanded by Major Brandis , and had about 20 IS-I tanks.
3. The medium tank regiment was commanded by Major Jung (fmu), had about 25 T 34/76 tanks and was organized into two tank battalions and one submachine gun battalion. In March 1954, the latter battalion numbered about 16 officers, 20 NCOs, and 112 EN.
4. The tank instruction battalion was commanded by Major Matthes, had 10 T 34/76 tanks and 5 SU-76 tanks, and was organized into four companies. On 10 April 1954, this battalion numbered about 31 officers, 30 NCOs, and 163 IM.
5. The percentage of convinced Communists among the KVPs of the tank instruction battalion was higher than at the other units and stood at about 30 percent. This was due to the fact that the men of this unit had been selected more carefully.
6. Each company was scheduled to detach five politically reliable men to the Witsun-Kelly of the FDJ in Berlin. 25X1

Comment. The present information generally confirms the existence in Spremberg of the tank units of Mechanized Division Dresden, but furnishes no details on their organization and equipment. A comparison with pertinent T/C & E reveals that the majority of the tanks and, as far as the medium tank regiment is concerned, the third tank battalion are missing.

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